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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Hoffman, Neil et al.

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For: METHODS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF INHIBITORS OF BIOTIN
SYTHASE EXPRESSION FOR ACTIVITY IN PLANTS

Commissioner for Patents
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING
PRIORITY CLAIM**

Sir:

This correspondence is to direct a preliminary amendment to the specification of the above referenced application to correct the priority claim as detailed in the Notice dated 06 February 2004. Please replace page 1 of the above referenced application with the clean version of substitute page 1 included herewith.

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